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# Earthquake

GRAPHIC BY CLAIRE KERSEY

**Lake Sinclair region shaken by two tremors**BY COREY DICKSTEIN  
SENIOR REPORTER

A pair of earthquakes rattled the Lake Sinclair area Saturday afternoon according to reports from the United States Geological Survey.

The initial quake struck at 4:45 p.m., and registered a 3.1 magnitude on the Richter scale. The second quake occurred ten minutes

later and registered only a 2.2.

The Richter scale classifies earthquakes into one of seven categories based on intensity. The first quake fell into the minor category, and the subsequent quake registered in the micro category.

Strong earthquakes occur when the magnitude falls between 6 and 6.9, major quakes range from 7 to 7.9 and any reading above 8 is considered a great quake.

Senior Spanish major Danielle Thomas spent the earlier part of the day at the lake.

"It was weird to think that an earthquake happened shortly after I left," she said. "I didn't know that an earthquake could even happen there until I saw it on the news the next day."

In fact, according to USGS's Web site

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# Faculty budget one step away

BY MATT CHAMBERS  
SENIOR REPORTER

A special funding initiative that would provide \$1.237 million dollars to be used to retain 21 of the university's faculty positions for GCSU has made it through the Georgia General Assembly and now awaits the signature of Georgia's governor, Sonny Perdue.

President Dorothy Leland said the funds are used to help promote the mission of Georgia's only public liberal arts university.

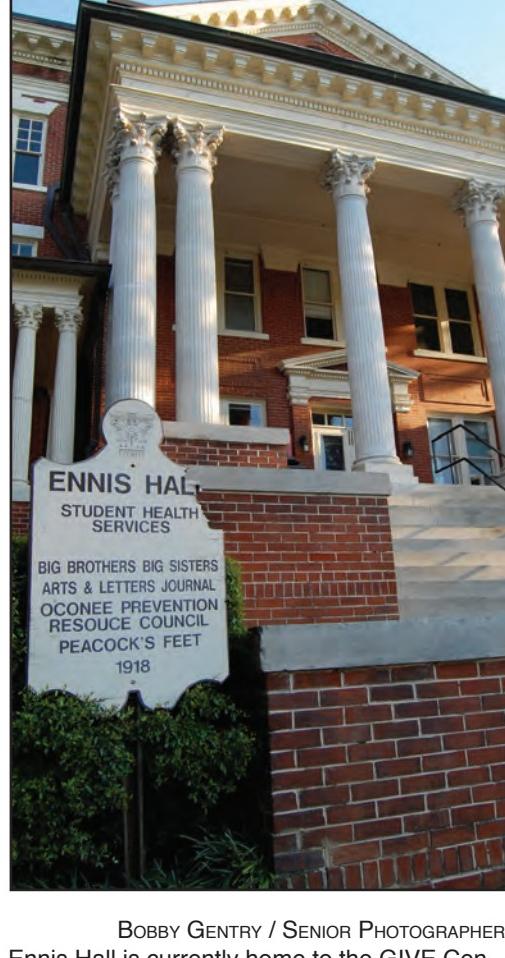
"Part of what our mission is about is having enough faculty so that most of our classes aren't huge ones, and also so that our faculty can participate in what I like to call learning beyond the classroom opportunities," Leland said. "So this funding has supported or currently supports 21 faculty positions."

The special funding initiative is actually part of the state's own budget and has been since 2004. This year's funding faced many challenges in both chambers of the General Assembly due to low state revenue.

Lawmakers were forced to try and cut billions of dollars from the state's budget—a process that caused difficult choices to be made.

One victim of budget reduction was GCSU's own Ennis Hall. Ennis Hall, currently the home of the GIVE center, was on the budget to be renovated and the new home of the art department, but the General Assembly chose not to fund the renovation.

The art department is currently scattered in old houses on the edge of campus. According to Leland, the current facilities are "really inadequate to meet the instructional needs of the department of art."



BOBBY GENTRY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Ennis Hall is currently home to the GIVE Center, where students, faculty and staff become involved in campus wide, local community, national and international volunteer efforts.

The move would unify the art offices and classrooms and provide more appropriate facilities for the students.

Leland feels that the Assembly chose the initiative over Ennis Hall's renovation based on the university's more immediate needs.

"I think that this very tight budget year, and a decision was made that what is most important to Georgia College right now is to not lose that strategic funding initiative money," Leland said.

Bill Fisher, chair of the art department, said the art department fully supported preventing any job loss, even if it meant losing the Ennis Hall funding.

"The art department let President Leland know that we were in total support," Fisher said. "The saving of jobs comes first."

Despite setbacks, the plans to renovate Ennis Hall are still in the works for next year.

Leland remains optimistic about Ennis Hall's future.

"I'm hoping to be able to get money to continue the planning for Ennis hall and

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# Man shot at downtown Budget Inn

BY CLAIRE DYKES  
SENIOR REPORTER

A shooting was reported Monday April, 6, at the Budget Inn, a building many students frequently walk past, across from the Golden Pantry on East Hancock Street, at around 11:30 p.m., according to a Milledgeville police report.

Jeremy Dixon, a 32-year-old Milledgeville resident, was found "bleeding from an apparent gunshot wound to his upper left arm and possible gunshot wound to his chin and lower lip," according to the police report.

"A strong pungent odor of marijuana" came from the room where the incident was reported, according to the reporting officer.

Several occupants of the inn heard three consecutive gunshots fired in a room near where they were staying. When police arrived at the scene, the bystanders pointed toward a wide open door with blood on the ground leading to the room, according to the police.

Dixon said he opened the door and saw a female he recognized, but did not know her name. He then noticed two males with her, one of which proceeded to pull out a pistol and begin firing at Dixon, according to police.

The report stated Dixon and the shooter began to struggle outside in the parking lot of the inn while others in the parking lot ran toward East Hancock Street.

Dixon proceeded to take the pistol from the shooter and put it in the bathroom trashcan in the room where the attack began. Officers arrived on the scene soon after.

Emergency Medical Services took Dixon to Oconee Regional Medical Center's Emergency Room following the incident.



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# Information technology field above economic worries

BY ALLISON BRAMLETT  
STAFF REPORTER

Information technology majors can throw their economic worries aside—at least compared to all other majors on campus.

Statistics from the U.S. Department of Labor have predicted that careers in information technology and related fields will be the fastest-growing occupations by 2010.

According to the Employment & Training Administration in the DOL, "employment of computer and information systems managers is expected to grow between 18 to 26 percent for all occupations through the year 2014."

It is believed that between 2004 and 2014, there will be an increase in employment of 453,000 jobs, totaling to 1.6 million jobs and a growth rate of 3.4 percent.

Out of the nine fastest-growing jobs that require a bachelor's degree, five of them are in information technology. The DOL identifies information technology jobs as computer experts—such as programmers, network analysts, database managers and software engineers—but any technological occupation is sure to see growth.

In addition, what the DOL considers the information technology industry is

**11.8**

The percentage of women who received bachelor's degrees in computer science in 2008



SOURCE: COMPUTING RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

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GRAPHIC BY CLAIRE KERSEY

# Not so long ago, in a planetarium not so far, far away...

BY MATT KUHL  
STAFF REPORTER

GCSU students will now be able to see the stars in the sky, even when the sky won't cooperate, thanks to the recently opened planetarium.

The planetarium, a 20-foot wide metal dome in a room in Herty Hall, has been in the works for around 10 years, said Dr. Donovan Domingue, associate professor of physics and astronomy.

"They set the room aside for that purpose, and when I was hired seven years ago, I was told that part of my responsibility would be to help turn that into something," Domingue said.

Domingue added that the technology powering the planetarium had become cheaper in seven years, allowing for the purchase of more sophisticated technology than would have originally been possible.

Funds for the planetarium came from the Chemistry and Physics Department, the E.J. Grassmann Trust and the stu-

dent technology fees. The planetarium may be accessed through the Natural History Museum in the back of Herty Hall.

Many other schools can't afford to have such equipment on their campus.

"There are places a lot bigger than GCSU that don't have a planetarium," said Dr. Agnes Kim, assistant professor of physics and astronomy. "For instance, I went to the University of Texas at Austin, and you'd think they'd have everything. They don't have a planetarium. So this is something that we are very fortunate to have."

The planetarium consists of a Digitarium projector and a computer loaded with software called Stellarium. According to Kim, Stellarium is free software that anyone could have on their personal computer.

It has a number of features and abilities that make it useful, including a feature that allows users to create guided tours.

"Rather than having to select every object that I want to show, I just press play and I can talk while the program is running," said Kim.

One of the advantages of the planetarium, according to both professors, is the visual

assistance it will provide in classroom lectures.

"It's an effective tool for astronomy labs and students. I think they can gain a better grasp of the subject in the lab than without it, because the planetarium provides a nice simulation of the sky. We have something similar on a computer, but having it on a screen where you only see a piece of the sky at a time, it's not at all the same," Domingue said. "It makes explaining the sky and the motions of the Earth and the planets, and it makes them much easier to do it inside of a dome."

Some of the other features that Dr. Kim thinks will be helpful include the ability to see the positions of stars during the day, the ability to speed up the progression of time and the ability to see what the sky looks like at different places in the world.

*-Dr. Agnes Kim*

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GRAPHIC BY LEE SANDOW

## Outdoor Education facilities offer activities for all students

BY KATELEN HEBERT  
SENIOR REPORTER

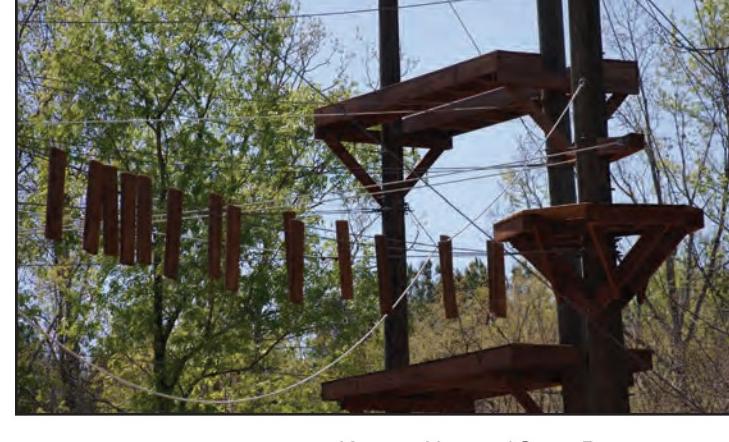
As rock climbing and outdoor adventure activities are quickly growing to be one of the most popular sports, the weather has been fit to allow GCSU to begin using their Outdoor Education Center again this spring.

The center is located on East Campus overlooking Lake Laurel and offers a variety of outdoor activities including a low challenge course, a 25-element high challenge course and a Tango Tower with two climbing walls.

The East Campus facilities serve the GCSU faculty, staff and students as well as members of the surrounding community. Director of the Outdoor Education Center Jeff Turner feels that the Center provides many beneficial opportunities to the community.

"The Outdoor Education Center provides a range of outdoor education experiences for Georgia College students as well as the bigger community, typically through organized groups," Turner said. "There is not as much individual involvement, but

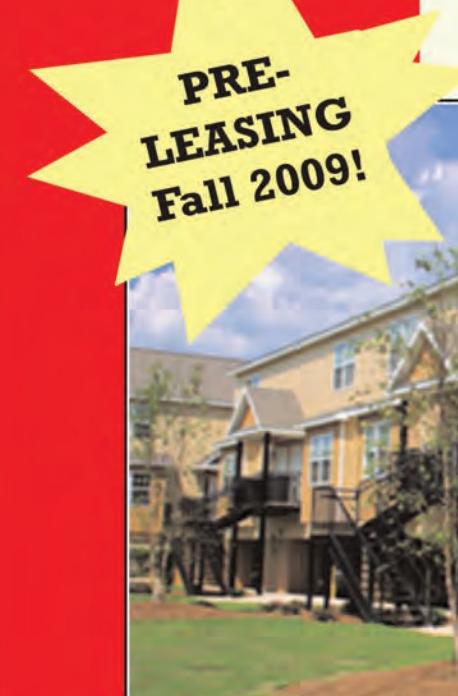
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East Campus, located off of Highway 22 toward Sparta, Ga., is home to Lake Laurel, ropes courses and other outdoor activities.

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just the beginning. More than 90 percent of information technology workers are employed outside of what is mainly considered to be the information technology industry. Information technology experts are needed in nearly every company because computing and computer science are a part of almost every aspect of life.

"All businesses and all organizations have become dependent on computer technology for all their communication," said Dr. Gerald Adkins, information technology and marketing chair and professor. "It is not really the size of the company that dictates whether the business is totally dependent on computer technology."

From online shopping and banking to communication systems within a company, qualified workers are needed to run and maintain the necessary infrastructures. Unfortunately, even with information technology being so lucrative, there are still not enough qualified people to fill the needed positions.

"We're hurting," said Adkins.

Adkins also said that with everything going electronic and the early baby boomers nearing retirement, the demand for information technology workers will increase further.

In fact, according to an article from The New York Times, computer science and industry executives have warned in the past that a drop in science and engineering students would hurt the United States' ability to compete in the global economy. Therefore, they believe this growth in information technology and computer science to be significant.

Experts believe that even with the tough economy and outsourcing, information technology graduates will continue to be in significant demand, according to an article in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

"Outsourcing was a scare initially, until we got experience with outsourcing and have seen that the kind of jobs our computer science graduates go to and are prepared to do... are not outsourced," Adkins said.

Already, computer science programs in universities across the nation have seen an increase in enrollment for the first time in the last six years. The program saw growth during the Internet boom, but has dropped about 50 percent since 2000.

Adkins predicts about 14 of GCSU's incoming freshmen will declare computer science as their major.

In 2003, the ETA created a High Growth Job Training Initiative. It was created to help workers take advantage of the increasing opportunities in "high growth, high demand and economically vital sectors of the American economy" by giving workers the training and skills necessary to succeed in careers that lack qualified people, such as information technology. The ETA has invested over \$8.5 million in the information technology industry.

Despite the stereotypes, the information technology field is not just about sitting at a desk and writing line after line of code.

"Some of the most productive and successful people in the video gaming industry have never written a line of code," said Adkins. "They are the creative, artistic, imaginative storytellers, and they are part of a team that develops computer games."

Shigeru Miyamoto, creator of Don-

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- 2. Computer Software Engineers, Applications**
- 3. Home Health Aides**
- 4. Computer Software Engineers, Systems Software**
- 5. Physician Assistants**

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key Kong and Mario, was employed as an artist by Nintendo when it was just a toy company. He had no programming experience when he was asked to create one of Nintendo's first coin-operated arcade games. Now Miyamoto is considered the father of modern video games.

Even with the growth that has already occurred in the information technology field, one thing has stayed the same – its low diversity. Computer science and information technology, like math and engineering, are predominantly male majors. In 2008, women who received a bachelor's degree in computer science remained around 11.8 percent.

Kelly Rickman, a junior computer science major, said that the major may deter women because it appears complicated.

"As with anything, though, once you've been introduced to it and it becomes more familiar to you, the mystery disappears," Rickman said. "There is also a lot of math involved, which I think drives both men and women away, but more so women."

Dr. Gita Phelps, an associate professor in computer science and alumna of GCSU, was the first female at the University of Georgia to hold a doctorate in computer science.

Phelps is part of the Academic Advisory Committee on Computing Disciplines, a committee under the Board of Regents. Phelps, along with Adkins, GCSU's committee representative, is trying to help diversify computer science.

"There is interest and concern to look at the under-representation issue and to encourage women to enter [computer science]," said Adkins.

He also said that over the years, some of his top students have been female.

With the future looking bright for the information technology industry, Rickman, Adkins and Phelps hope it will bring more women to the field.

"Hopefully, more women will enter the field as the world becomes more and more dependent on technology," Rickman said.

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**12 professors earn tenure**

BY TIM GRAHAM  
STAFF REPORTER

Twelve GCSU Professors have earned tenure in the 2009-2010 academic school year.

Tenure can be defined as guaranteeing faculty members teaching at a university with a job. Tenure at GCSU is considered for any professor after five years. It is based on their teaching skills, academic scholarship and service to both the school and community.

Jason Stover, a Mathematics Professor who was also promoted to Associate Professor, earned tenure, but doesn't foresee himself changing what he does in the near future.

"The tenure system is a system designed to protect teachers from being fired for unpopular decisions that they may have," Stover said.

Since this is a liberal arts school, the focus is more on how each professor teaches, rather than the research that they have done as it is at other schools such as Georgia Tech.

At each college and university, the exact process to receive tenure varies in different ways. Once a professor applies for tenure at GCSU, it is run through a number of committees first, starting with the professor's respective school or college. It then goes to the dean of that school or college, followed by the

**What Tenure Means...**

Two professors talk about what tenure means to them.

Tenure to me represents recognition of the contributions I've made as a faculty member to my students, my campus, and my profession. It also is motivation for me to serve in even greater capacities in the future.

*Jeff Turner,  
Assistant Professor of Outdoor Education*



Receiving tenure at Georgia College enables me join our dedicated faculty in distinctive and distinguished service to our students and our state. I have

been touched to realize that so many colleagues, my dean, and our president carefully read the documents I submitted.

*Dr. Elaine Whitaker,  
Professor of English, English Department Chair*

GRAPHIC BY CLAIRE KERSEY

and qualified teachers around for a while.

The dean of faculty then makes a recommendation to the president of the university, in our case Dr. Dorothy Leland, who then sends a recommendation to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, which approves a professor for tenure.

There is no pay raise with tenure. It is meant to preserve academic freedom to be used as a motivational tool and a job guarantee. It is expensive to hire new professors at any school, so tenure is used to keep experienced

To get tenure is very important, especially now with this economic climate," O'Grady said.

The tenure system can be abused as well; however, Stover mentioned, as teachers with tenure need extenuating circumstances to be fired.

"There is a risk if

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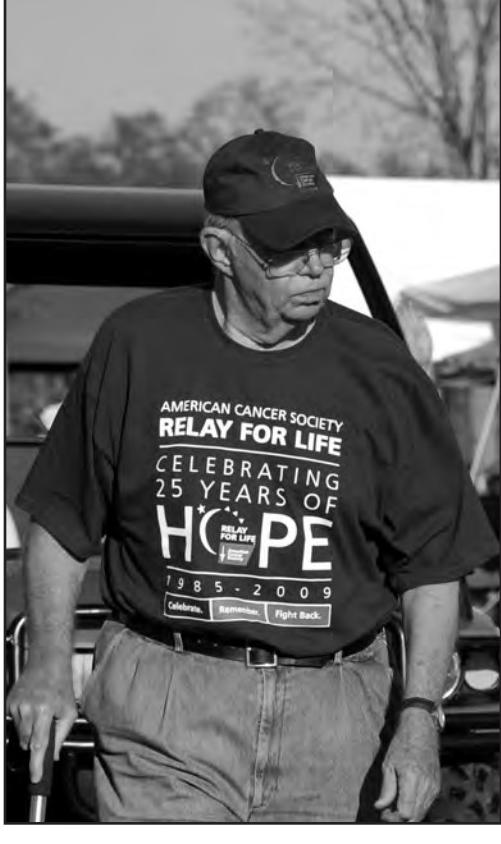


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Milledgeville's Relay for Life was held at a new location this year, South Creek, 2949 Highway 441 South, instead of the Walter B. Williams park on Highway 22 where it has been held in years past.

**Look in next week's Colonnade for the full story on the 2009 Relay for Life.**

## Planetarium

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"We have to convince students that stars are still in the sky while the sun is, that the stars move in the course of a night, and we can do that with this (software)."

Domingue hopes that the planetarium will be something that any GCSU student might want to use, regardless of major.

"Students are welcome to volunteer to run the shows, they just have to see me if they want to do that. If they like astronomy, even if they don't want to be astronomers, it's still a great teaching opportunity," said Domingue.

"You don't need to be in our Physics program, or Chemistry or science majors," Kim said. "It can be any person who has an interest in astronomy, who wants to research the night sky and talk about what constellations are up or one of your favorite objects."



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David Patterson, a biology graduate student, takes advantage of the GCSU planetarium, located in the bottom floor of Herty Hall.

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## Mellow Mushroom takes root

BY CLAIRE DYKES  
SENIOR REPORTER

Mellow Mushroom will soon be sporting a new location, Milledgeville.

The new pizza joint is in the building process, but will be open to the right of Chili's at the bottom of the Wal-Mart parking lot in five to six months, according to co-owner Stephen Kitchen.

Beer lovers will be happy to hear that the new restaurant will have a selection of 24 types of beer available on draft.

The Milledgeville franchise is currently starting to hire. To apply for a job, log onto MellowJobs.

com, click on the icon of Georgia, follow the links to the Lake Oconee location, and fill out the application.

Along with Kitchen, David Hudson will co-own the new location. Sarah Bachelor and David Hudson will be the managers.

Management is still in the process of deciding whether they will be accepting Bobcat cards, said Bachelor.

"We are excited about becoming a part of the GCSU community and hope everyone comes out to support us," said Kitchen.



GRAPHIC BY CLAIRE KERSEY

## Earthquake

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earthquakes can occur anytime but are more common along fault lines making them very rare in Central Georgia.

However, earthquakes like Saturday's can be felt at much greater distances than those that occur along fault lines, USGS said. A magnitude 4 earthquake can often be felt as far away as 60 miles away.

The first quake's epicenter was directly below Lake Sinclair and felt in the Milledgeville area, seven miles away.

World of Wings employee Shon Basley felt a sudden rumble.

"I didn't know what it was," Basley said. "Me and my mom thought it was a plane flying low."

Other students, such as Vishel Patel, a se-

nior information systems major, heard rumors of seismic activity but were unsure whether to believe them.

"I was at work and I heard a lady come in and say something about it, but I didn't know if it was real," Patel said. "I thought she was kidding."

This was not the first earthquake to hit the area.

According to USGS, Milledgeville was struck by an earthquake on June 17, 1872. The quake reportedly was felt as a "sharp shock" and jarred brick buildings and rattled windows.

Another earthquake occurred in Haddock, Ga., about 14 miles east of Milledgeville, on March 12, 1964. USGS reported that the quake could be felt in four surrounding counties in a 400-square-mile area.

Katelyn Hebert contributed to writing this article.

## Budget

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do the completion of architectural drawings so that when it gets funded next year that we'll be ready as soon as the money comes in to begin construction," Leland said.

Art students are already excited about the future move of the department.

"It'll be nice to have a new building because the old building has some spots that are a little worrisome," freshman Sara Rincon said.

The Ennis Hall renovation request and special funding initiative come during a time in which GCSU's budget is being cut. The latest estimate is a 12.3 percent reduction in next year's budget.

The university has made adjustments to cope with the upcoming budget decrease.

Printing costs have been a main focus for saving money. Changing three-colored pamphlets and fliers to two-colored or even black and white has helped reduce costs. Putting resources, like academic

catalogs, online further reduced the amount spent on printing.

Travel and conference trips have also been cut to further save funds.

The university has even eliminated 11 administrative positions to reduce budget strains.

"All of us who lost those positions are adding the responsibilities that were under them to our jobs," Leland said. "We're working harder, longer and hopefully smarter as a result."

Students feel that the positions kept once the initiative passes would be beneficial to the university.

"We already have a staff shortage with the increase of students and mandatory classes, so I believe the funding is appropriate," freshman Emily Thompson said.

"It's a good thing to have more teachers stay so that students can get the teachers and classes they need," sophomore Sarah Mann said.

Other students were more focused on the initiative's effect on their own financial realities.

"(The initiative passing) is great I think, but I just hope I don't have to pay an extra \$100," junior Will Jones said.

professor not fulfilling their duties after receiving tenure is a risk that accompanies it. However, the job security and responsibility that comes with it continues to make professors such as Stover and O'Grady strive to receive tenure as well as

continue to take pride in their profession.

"I always try to make things better," O'Grady said. "Now they've got me as a committed professor. It's a commitment both ways."

## Outdoor Ed.

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we do have other groups we work with like Venture Out."

The Center provides an outlet for outdoor education, training and group development. They offer a number of technical workshops. Some upcoming workshops scheduled include a tree climbing workshop, a leave no trace trainer course and a wilderness first responder course. Caroline Toy, the program coordinator for the Outdoor Education Center, is in charge of scheduling all of the events.

"We do contract programming at a pretty reasonable rate. We offer a variety of options such as a challenge course, both high and low; we can do paddling, canoeing and kayaking on Lake Sinclair and sometimes overnight trips," Toy said. "We have capacity to do backpacking climbing and caving trips as well."

One of the main reasons rock climbing and outdoor adventure courses have become so popular is the flexibility of the sport. In the past, rock climbing has been a sport for those who lived around mountains or had the resources available. With the introduction of man-made walls and different types of adventure courses such as the GCSU Outdoor Center, the sport is becoming increasingly recognized.

Another thing attracting a large crowd is the added physical benefits these courses can provide.

Junior psychology major Amanda Smith enjoys reaping the physical benefits of these types of outdoor exercises.

"I don't get to climb often, but I love the physical challenge of it," Smith said.

"When I reach the top, there's a strong sense of accomplishment knowing that I pushed myself to my limit."

This sense of success is one of the things that makes these outdoor courses so popular. The East Campus courses are com-

prised of a leadership staff made up of both graduate and undergraduate students as well as GCSU faculty and staff that focus on making the experience positive for the entire group.

"All of the programs we do are custom programs; these can be anything from challenge courses, ropes courses or weekend recreation, to leadership weekends," Turner said. "I encourage students to think about the needs in their organizations, and we can get together and address those so that the group can reach its highest potential."

Healthwise, these courses are also very beneficial to the body. Rock climbing alone helps develop and tone muscles, improve flexibility, improve balance and coordination and burn calories. The abounding health benefits and extensive facility space at East Campus help to make the Outdoor Center a prime place for groups to build leadership skills and team unity.

The GCSU Outdoor Education Center is especially focused on gearing activities toward the goals of a group. Anyone from a Greek life organization, a dorm, an RSA or any other group can get in touch with the Center and they will cater specifically to the group's needs. If anyone is interested in getting involved but does not have a group to do so with, the Center also provides courses for individual enrollment.

"We have a wilderness first response medicine course anyone can sign up for, but we do have a special student rate. This course is really useful for anyone involved in summer camps or anyone who likes to recreate outdoors," Toy said. "It's really helpful for first aid and safety outdoors."

Sophomore psychology major Evin Winkelman has heard a lot about the Center and is looking forward to her first experience there.

"I love adventure and mostly the challenge of rock climbing, but my favorite part is repelling," Winkelman said. "One of the groups I am involved in is thinking of doing some leadership training at the Outdoor Center. I am excited about doing some activities there because no matter what you are interested in, there is an option for everyone."

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## Our Voice

### Divvying funds: SABC's role

It's that time of year again. Time to start thinking about next year. For campus RSOs that means applying for money to operate in the 2009-2010 school year.

Each year, the Student Activities Budget Committee has the task of divvying up available funds to each of the RSOs that apply for funding.

The money is allocated to SABC by the Board of Regents after SABC makes a recommendation to the Board.

Last year SABC allocated \$321,048 among 25 organizations.

The ability for RSOs to be funded by SABC gives them the opportunity to have access to money that is often put to excellent use throughout the campus and Milledgeville community.

Some of the stipulations for these entities to receive funding from SABC is to identify what the goals and purposes of the organization are as well as what it does to benefit the campus community.

After all, the main purpose of campus activities is to provide students with an opportunity to grow as people. What better way than by serving the community?

GCSU students are constantly helping this community through activities such as Relay for Life, The Big Read, volunteer programs through the GIVE Center and several other things.

As we continue to see the economy struggle in these tough times, it is essential that groups of GCSU students continue to volunteer and help out within the community. SABC funding is an integral part of that.

It cannot be easy to decide who gets what funding, especially in hard times. Appreciate the people who work hard to determine the allocations.

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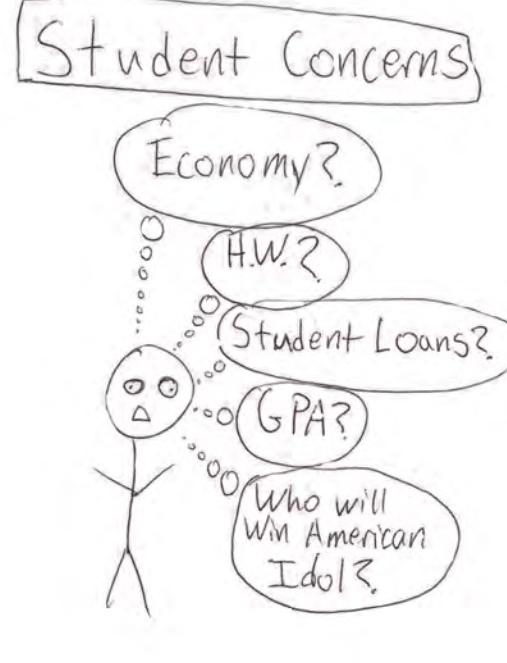
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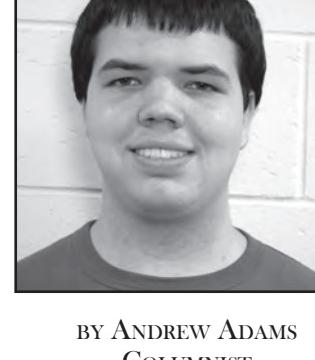
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## FROM THE MIND OF DRAKE

BY DRAKE SIMONS



## More government, the answer?



BY ANDREW ADAMS  
COLUMNIST

When you look at our nation's faltering economy you see a lot of bad things. There's high unemployment, massive stock losses, still relatively high foreclosure rates, as well as businesses and even banks failing. When we look at the situation we can't help but wonder how can we get out of this? I have come to the conclusion that the government is our only hope.

If you look at the entire span of human history, government was virtually non-existent in the days of the cavemen. Hammurabi came later with his legal system, but so long as you didn't break a law outlined there was no government control. Caesar and his successors tied together many different far away lands under the Roman Empire, but all Rome did with those lands was collect their taxes and provide military protection if need-

ed. You come to the Middle Ages and for the first time the government takes a central role in a non-military, non-punishment arena. For the first time the government sets rules for resolving civil disputes between individuals. Around the 1800s business regulations were created regulating the way that business can be done. Now as we are in the first decade of the 21st century there is Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, welfare and unemployment benefits, and we're on the verge of universal health care.

Throughout all of human existence we have been slowly moving toward bigger government. Every mobility and communication advance is a new opportunity to expand government control in people's lives. It seems like the natural progression of government size.

After all, the government sees the bigger picture and can be impartial. Therefore, wouldn't it be best if the government can step in and tell us what we need to do. Maybe if the government could decide how much of which products should be produced. The government could set the prices so everything is priced fairly. If a company looks like it might face tough times in the future, the government can preemptively take the compa-

ny over to avert failure.

In the end capitalism is so unfair. It makes some people rich who don't deserve to be rich, like Paris Hilton, and it makes others poor. I'm sure if I looked really, really hard, I might be able to find a poor person that doesn't deserve to be poor.

Yes, I'm talking about creating a centralized economy, but it's the natural trend, right? Besides, we're already most of the way there, why not just allow the government the last bit of power it needs to completely control the economy?

I know that all of these big government, centralized economy plans are unconstitutional, but seriously, we haven't followed the Constitution in years. Why start now? If Tim Geithner, our highly esteemed Secretary of the Treasury says that we need a government

that will seize private businesses for our nation to enjoy economic prosperity, then who am I to disagree? After all, the government should be protecting us, even if it means protecting us from our own entrepreneurial desires.

Under the failed capitalist model, the economy goes up and down and sometimes unpredictably. With centralized economies the market is always predictable. Look at the former Soviet Union and

Cuba who both successfully implemented a strong centralized economy. With these countries you never saw millionaires lose half of their investment due to a fall in the market. And in countries with a centralized economy you never saw the kind of raw greed you do in America. In fact, people in these nations tend to live more humbly and are more grateful for what they have. I saw a news report just a few years ago where they showed some Cubans getting their first microwave, the first ones to ever be available to Cuban citizens. They were so ecstatic.

If we adopt a centralized government like the Obama administration wants we could be just as ecstatic as those Cubans.

We tried this whole experiment in freedom and liberty for over 200 years. And it completely failed us. At times like these we as a nation need to turn to our trusted bureaucrats in D.C. because they know what we need better than we do. If the government needs to force every CEO in America to resign so that government officials can handpick their cronies for the position, then that's what it takes. After all, the economy, and the nation at large, is far too important to trust to mere citizens.

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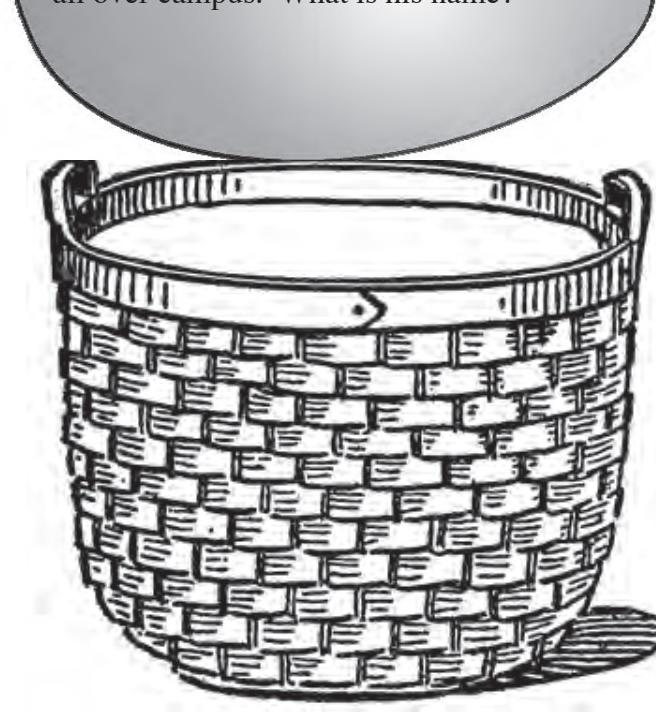
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Administrator responds

Dear Editor:

First, my thanks to The Colonnade for helping to keep the campus informed about the State budget reductions faced by the university ("Budget Cuts Increase Further," Colonnade April 3, 2009). President Leland has worked hard to ensure that these reductions have minimal impact on our students and our academic mission. As part of these efforts, I am pleased to inform you that the President – together with the assistance of Senator Johnny Grant, Representative Bobby Parham and many alumni, friends and GCSU parents -- successfully convinced the state legislature to restore \$1.237 million for the university's Special Funding Initiative which supports 21 faculty positions.

However, I do wish to correct one misleading item in the Colonnade's story. A student was quoted as saying that the television monitors recently added around

campus for the Bobcat Vision system were "a waste" and should not have been purchased in light of the current budget constraints. It should be noted that this was solely a project of the Student Government Association and did not involve any university funds.

Unlike the university's operating budget, SGA funds are not subject to state spending reductions and cannot be reallocated to offset cuts to the university's operating budget. SGA funds are supported by student fees, and the elected representatives of the student body determine how these funds should be used.

Please be assured that the administration of Georgia College is continuing its commitment to provide its students with the finest education possible for the lowest possible cost.

Bruce Harshbarger  
Vice President for Student Affairs

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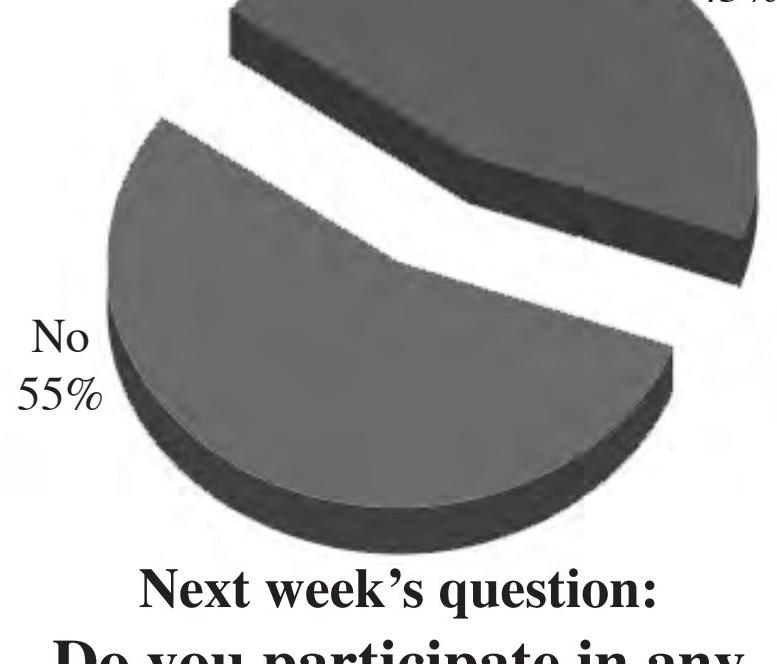
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- In last week's Colonnade, the article "Fitness facility proposed for West Campus" was written by Kyle Collins.

### POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY COREY DICKSTEIN

#### Did you fill out a 'March Madness' bracket this year?



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**Do you participate in any registered student organizations on campus?**

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# Bobcat Beat

*Do you think teachers should have attendance policies?*



**"No, because I had an experience with a teacher because she wouldn't let me go home for family issues."**

*Amanda Smith, junior, psychology*

**"Yes, in my class if you don't come you end up getting answers off of others and it's not fair to those who do show up for class."**

*Amanda Vitello, sophomore, chemistry*

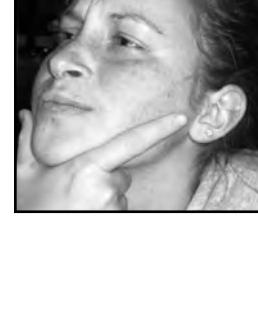


**"Yes, because if I show up for class I should have a better grade than someone who doesn't."**

*Corey Lopez, sophomore, marketing*

**"Yes, because a lot of people skip."**

*Janki Koria, freshman, biology*



**"No, since we are paying for school we should have a choice."**

*Tracy Ann George, sophomore, early childhood education.*

*Reported by Taylor Ehramjian*

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Doing things. Many things. Important things.

Next time you see someone sitting alone, consider that they might actually want to sit alone before imposing yourself on them.

### Vent on Twitter!

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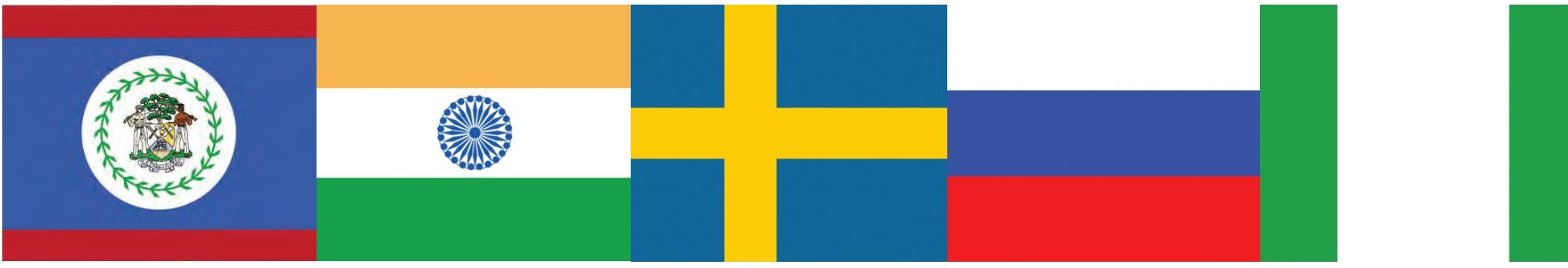
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## Bringing the world together

### *International Club provides a worldwide perspective*

BY BETH BENTON  
STAFF REPORTER

GCSU currently hosts 109 international students who have left family and friends thousands of miles away to attend school here in this small Middle Georgia town.

Though the rewards of higher education will undoubtedly pay off, it is difficult for them to leave their loved ones behind and embark on such a life-changing adventure. Fortunately for these students, the GCSU International Club offers a safe haven for them to share their experiences and bond with others feeling the same emotions.

"Joining the International Club was, and still is, the best way to meet new people who do not instantly judge you because you are not American. There are people around you who are in your shoes, and that makes things easier," said Chichi Ifionu from Nigeria. "It is a place you can go where you do not need to fake an American accent to fit in, and you can be yourself without getting weird looks from others."

Though the members of this diverse

group may have different cultures, beliefs and political views, one common thread unites them: they are all experiencing both the sadness and joys of leaving home.

"When I first came here, I realized I was going to miss my home," said Jose Guerra, International Club president from Belize. "I also immediately realized I wasn't alone. I relate to these students, and that's what brought me to the club. We are a family."

The students involved in the International Club bond by participating in picnics, sports, coffee nights, bowling and skating nights, weekly meetings and weekend trips. Several members traveled to Washington D.C., over spring break and others are planning to visit the Georgia Aquarium and even go sky diving later in the semester.

The club's biggest event is the International Dinner, which brought a crowd of over 300 guests and 100 students this semester. International students represented their home countries with clothing, singing and dancing as they enjoyed dinner and an hour long talent show. Another big event hosted

by the International Club is International Day, an event during fall semester where the students set up tables on Front Campus to represent different countries. Each table has activities, maps, ornaments and other memorabilia brought by students from that country.

"We have more diversity on our campus that day than we do any other day of the year," said Dr. Dwight Call, assistant vice president of the International Education Center.

Events like these offer international students a chance to bond with each other, but they also allow them to share their own culture with American citizens. Some students continue to share their talents even outside of the club events. Jingran Zhao, a student from Zhengzhou, China, offers Taiji classes, while Andrea Valera from Venezuela teaches belly dancing. Guerra is also president of GCSU's Salsa Club, and many of the international students are involved in GCSU athletics. The Brazilian members of the GCSU tennis team are even giving away an authentic Brazilian dinner at the upcom-

ing athletic auction.

While the club offers numerous opportunities to GCSU's international students, it also has benefits for U.S. citizens.

"It's a really wonderful opportunity for all students to learn about other cultures, meet people and learn what's happening around the world," said Libby Davis, International Student Adviser.

Three of five club officers are U.S. citizens, and Davis said that the club welcomes students from all over the globe. It is a great way for those who may not be able to study abroad to still learn about other cultures and eliminate misconceptions.

"Having so many students from so many places together in one environment makes for a community like no other," said Eric Raymond, International Club vice president from Watkinsville, Ga.

Flags of different countries represented by the GCSU International Club.  
Top: Belize, India, Sweden, Russia, Nigeria  
Bottom: China, Brazil, Germany, Venezuela, France

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## Counseling center sponsors self-esteem week

BY KYLE COLLINS  
SENIOR REPORTER

In a culture full of superficiality and false notions of real value, self-esteem remains a confusing topic. A fine line exists between liking yourself and being conceited.

"I think a huge piece of that is media, and people don't realize just how poor our media role models are for self-esteem. What our culture tells us is valuable is different from what is actually valuable. People have a sense that you have to look a certain way, have a lot of attention and have the right labels to be valuable," said Jennifer Strole, counselor and coordinator of outreach services.

Challenges exist because our generation faces much more expectations of what is beautiful and successful in society. College is a place to search for your own identity, but external social or media based pressures can skew what's really important.

"A normal part of growing up is looking around for role models and sources of identity. College is a time that can become very unhealthy if people you're looking up to have totally unrealistic and unattainable standards," Strole said. "You have to recognize what your personal best is and make that your point of comparison."

Last week's self-esteem celebration offered events for both men and women participants to learn about campus resources and self-esteem boosting methods. GCSU support services, the Women's Resource Center, Counseling Services and Peers Advocating Wellness successfully sponsored the events.

Kicking off the week, a male focused showing of the film "Tough Guise: Violence, Media and the Crisis in Masculinity" was based on critiquing issues from a male perspective.

### Male Showing

Jennifer Graham-Stephens, leader of the Women's Resource Center, said the guys who showed up were excited that the WRC programmed something for them.

"We specifically addressed issues for men with the 'Tough Guise' program, because I think people hear self-esteem and automatically assume it's a women's issue," Strole said.

According to Strole, males and females generally differ in how they derive self-esteem. Male's esteem hinges on efficacy issues dealing with the capability to perform and being competitive in some way. With females, self-esteem is more about being liked in a relational sense.

### Breast Casting

The most popular event administered by the WRC was an artistic expression of the female figure known as breast casting. Stephens said about 31 people participated.

"We had to turn people away Wednesday afternoon," Stephens said. "Generally, people did it to celebrate themselves and the things they've accomplished."

Packing tape was used for the breast cast figure. Participants got to decorate the mold last Friday.

Junior Spanish major Jennifer McCuen said she saw the event as a good chance for women to get together and be excited about their bodies. Taylor Walker, a junior nursing major, agreed.

"It's good to express ourselves as women," Walker said. "It's something to be proud of and shows we are proud of being who we are."

Special events assistant for the WRC Kim O'Toole, said she did the casting for more than herself. Toole enjoyed seeing new faces show up to the center.

"I just wanted to be part of (breast casting) because it's really cool how diverse everybody is. I appreciated seeing all the different shapes, colors and designs," Toole said. "It was more about bonding than to have it actually made for myself. It's awesome to have something this creative and relaxed for people to come in and see we are here for them and each other."

Stephens got the idea from a regional women's center conference two years ago. One of the director's had a plaster bust hanging on her wall, which inspired Stephens to bring a version to GCSU.

"One of the art professors suggested that I look into using packing tape for a tape casting. I practiced on my arm and then had a friend do a bust of myself to see if it would work," Stephens said.

Positive feedback has come from participants who hope to see the event again

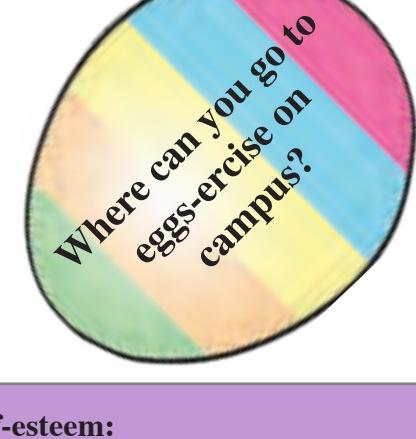


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Laura Hyman, April McMillan, Taylor Walker and Jennifer McCue all paint their casts and get to know each other.

next year. Strole is an advocate of art therapy as a technique to symbolize inner strength against unfair social expectations.

"I think women internalize a tremendous amount of shame about body image in this culture. There is this idea that if you don't look perfect it's your fault because you're too lazy or cheap to fix it," Strole said. "Breast casting is a symbolic way of saying, 'I'm not perfect, but I like not being perfect.'"



### Tips to monitor self-esteem:

- Know how the media affects you
- Seek out positive media in the form of TV, books, etc.
- Avoid thinking you are too great or too lousy
  - Try to hang out with good role models
  - Forgive yourself for mistakes
- Celebrate your strengths and achievements
- Be sure you are not judging yourself against unreasonable standards
  - Positive self talk instead of self-defeating negativity

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# Spotlight

BY CHELSEA THOMAS

## Through The Artists Eyes: Katey Follett

Katey Follett, a fourth-year-senior studio art major, brings together a final exhibition of her photography entitled "Back Yonder." The exhibiton will open in Blackbridge Gallery to GCSU students and faculty beginning April 20.



-Katey Follett,  
Photo by  
Chelsea Thomas

can be a nostalgic place to many people, whether they are familiar with the town or not.

As I share a collection of the same memories that were passed on to me, I hope a deeper relationship can be formed with each image. Being able to solidify these abstract ideas of the past has allowed me to let go of my fear that they would eventually be forgotten. Even as memories fade, and McRae's presence in my life dwindles, the impression that it has left with me will not change. The next chapter of my life will always be influenced by the sweet nature that this town allowed me to experience, and that is something I know I will never forget."

*-Katey Follett, Senior Studio Art Major, Minor in Photography*

### From her professors perspective:

"Katey Follett's color photographs lovingly document her mother's hometown of McRae, Ga. The images allow the viewer to experience the beautiful light, colors and landscapes of McRae, a town that appears to have been unaltered since the 1950s. Through her photographs, Katey presents a place to which many of us may desire to retreat—a place that is authentic, full of character, and devoid of strip malls and cookie cutter houses. Her work begs the question, 'what have we lost for the sake of progress and convenience?' Her photographs seek to hold on to something genuine and real that is missing from contemporary American towns."

*-Emily J. Gomez, Assistant Professor of Art and Senior Exhibition Advisor*



Art work by Katey Follett, "Back Drive"

### Featured artwork: "Back Drive"

"When I look at this photograph, I feel like it embodies everything McRae has meant to me. When we would ride in the car with my granddaddy to get ice cream, or leave for a swim at my Aunt Leta's, this is the path we would take. Worn down from many years of tires rolling over the stubborn grass has made a permanent mark that rests beside the oversized bushes behind the house. Reconnecting with this image brings me back to many memories I have as a child, moments I will always hold dear to my heart."

*-Katey Follett*

# Comedy? Action? Drama?... You Decide. Grade: C+

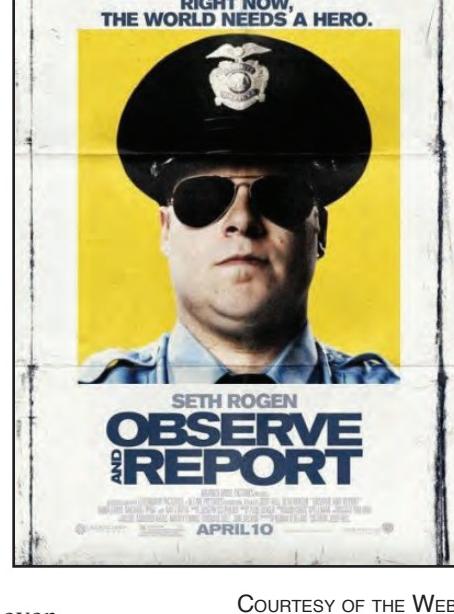
BY CHRIS MOSKALY  
REVIEWER

"Observe & Report" is the first film of 2009 that is guaranteed to draw a sharp line between critics and viewers. Seth Rogen has a lot of potential that goes way beyond the Apatow fraternity, and he proves it so in this film, but director Jody Hill is so dependent on borrowing Scorsese techniques from "Taxi Driver" and "King of Comedy," that it seems as if he can't be original even when he tries.

And since Kevin James has already starred in a much better comedy about mall security this year (Paul Blart), "Observe & Report" almost feels like one of those missing puzzle pieces that gets lost along the way, but because it fits in the broad one-dimensional background, we really don't need it in order to get the full picture.

Rogen plays Ronnie, a sharp-as-nails security guard who likes to play it tough in the most unlikely scenarios while he's on duty. It's one thing to tell vandalizing skateboarders to leave, and another to bust shoplifters, but Ronnie handles both scenarios (along with many others) as if they were an opportunity to show everyone he means business, especially a beautiful make-up clerk (Anna Faris) who hardly notices him.

Things get serious when a perverted flasher



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tramples into Ronnie's mall, and local police try to handle the situation. Up against an entire force (including Ray Liotta), and with nobody supporting his motives, Ronnie sets out to bring down the crook on his own so that maybe he can finally get his flashlight traded for a gun.

If there is anything intriguing about "Observe & Report," it would have to be the vast similarities in the attitudes of Ronnie and Travis Bickle (Robert De Niro's character in "Taxi Driver"). Both men know they have worthless jobs, but are so hell bent on making the absolute most of them that we can't help supporting them as the film progresses.

Amidst the driven potential in its lead star, there is quite a bit of controversy to the way Jody Hill structures this dark indie film by blending content from several unlikely genres.

We've all gotten our share

of kicks from "Shaun of the Dead" and "Hot Fuzz," but because those parodies were meant to shock viewers with a goofball sense of violence, it was easier to just scratch your head with a grin. "Observe & Report" takes a lot of risks by including drug content, male nudity and some pretty rough fights. This is one time I actually dread not sharing the screening with more people because had there been others watching, I think I might've waited to hear if anyone else started laughing before I let my two sense flow.

Dark comedies always have a unique sort of appeal to me, and more often than not, I can find a decent amount of positivity in one to name it a "keeper." "Ice Harvest" was a keeper simply because John Cusack is a master of the dark comedic form, and Billy Bob Thornton just can't recycle his "Bad Santa" roots enough. There's certainly nothing wrong with showing respect for all of your inspirations as Jody Hill has done here, but unless viewers come in hoping to see Seth Rogen sport a new type of role, and a notable loss of weight (in preparation for "The Green Hornet"), "Observe & Report" is really not much of a "keeper;" it's just a familiar idea that already had a better execution three months ago.

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# 'Breath of Bamboo' photograph exhibit now on display in museum

BY ABBY BRYANT  
STAFF REPORTER

Spring, a time for new beginnings, is expressed through the "Breath of Bamboo" art exhibit currently showing in the GCSU Library Museum. The exhibit features 13 photographs of bamboo by photographer Brook Reynolds from Atlanta, Ga.

Reynolds is a 2007 Master of Fine Arts in Photography graduate of the University of Georgia. She chose to create a collection of photographs of bamboo for several reasons.

"I had been doing black and white work in the studio, and I needed a change. I noticed the bamboo on my drive home because it was green during the winter, so I decided to start working outdoors and shooting in color," Reynolds said. "I was also drawn to bamboo as my subject because of my interest in Asian culture, especially Zen Buddhism. Bamboo is often the subject of art and poetry in Asian art, so it was a way for me to explore my interest in art and spirituality in nature, using bamboo as my guide. I later learned about the characteristics of bamboo that make it a great renewable resource, which only added to my interest in the work."

The first photographs that Reynolds shot of bamboo were located in Athens, Ga., however her work expanded into several different areas. She said that her photographs were "taken along roads or in parking areas and vacant lots in Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina."

Reynolds' works are highly admired by many. Roughly 30 people came to view her work at a reception held in her honor on Thursday, April 2, at the GCSU Museum. People intently viewed and admired her work for its uniqueness and originality. One of these viewers was Associate Professor of Art, Cynthia Brinich-Langlois.

"I think the work is intelligent because it's showing the same content (the

bamboo) in so many different contexts, so there is variety among the photos and yet unification," Brinich-Langlois said.

Sophomore Studio Art major Elizabeth Phelps enjoyed the exhibit as well.

"I think the angles and perspectives she used are inspiring, and if you stare at them long enough you feel like you're in the picture," Phelps said.

When looking at "Karma," a photograph of five stems of bamboo, four stems straight and one stem crooked, Phelps commented, "'Karma' shows that nature is not perfect. It could be her (Reynolds) representing herself."

There are many varieties of bamboo in each of Reynolds' photographs. Each photograph is unique and has a different meaning.

"Bamboo exemplifies the awesome powers of destruction and regeneration in nature and is ultimately used in these photographs as a metaphor for our efforts to maintain balance within the natural cycles of life," Reynolds said.

Instructor of Art at GCSU, Ernesto Gomez, had nothing but good things to say about Reynolds' exhibit.

"It's rare for me to see color and work that is calming and makes me stop and think. Brook's work has always been subtle and beautiful out of all her work I have seen- and I've seen a lot," Gomez said.

Reynolds' photographs have been featured in the GCSU Museum since March 21, and will be there until May 10. For more information about this exhibit please call (478) 445-4371 or visit [www.gcsu.library/museum.edu](http://www.gcsu.library/museum.edu).

Student-made art  
exhibits are generally displayed in this building.



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Dr. Jennifer Flory conducts the combined ensembles of the University Chorus and the GCSU concert band percussion. They performed a concert featuring Carmina Burana last Saturday in the Milledgeville First Baptist Church.

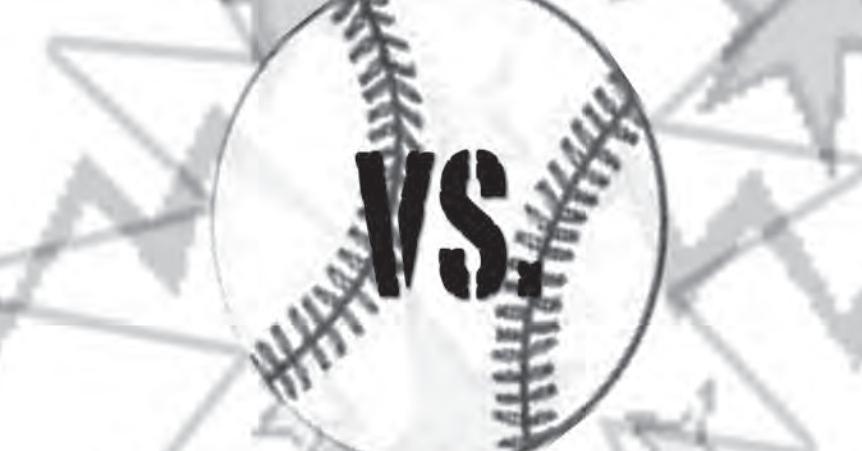
## Carmina Burana et cetera



BOBBY GENTRY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Jason Skidmore sings one of the many operatic solos as a part of the Carmina Burana performance. Two other soloists also assisted the Chorus.

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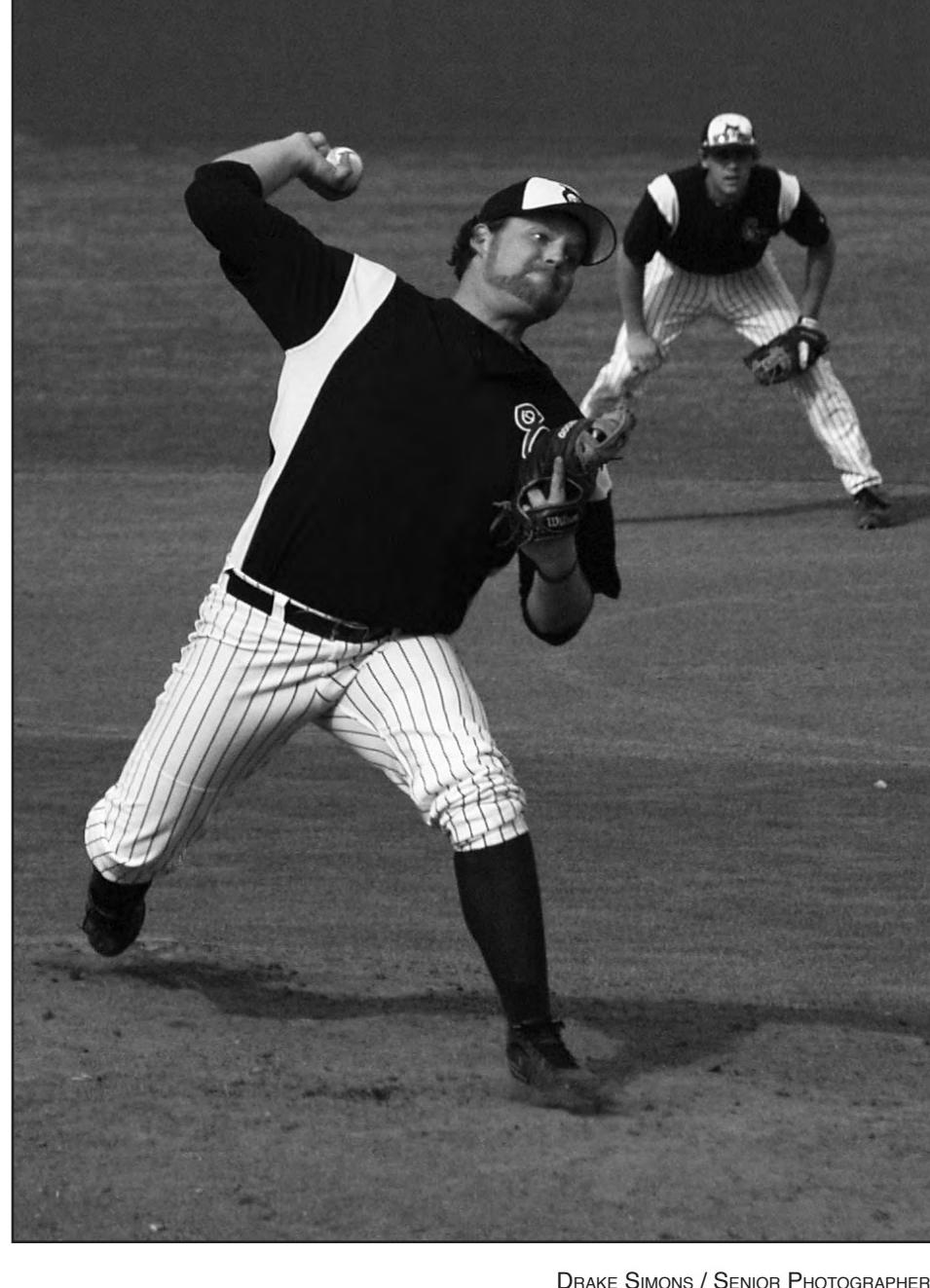
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Section Editor, Preston Sellers

## Bobcats take two more series



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior Kyle Cravey threw six innings in relief against Francis Marion on Saturday.

BY SAM HUNT  
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU baseball team faced Francis Marion University in a three-game series on April 3 and April 4, and took two of three.

When the Bobcats and the Patriots began play in game one, GCSU jumped ahead early. The Bobcats scored five runs in the first and a run in the third for a 6-0 advantage.

The Bobcats continued to dominate the Patriots, adding a run in the

fourth inning and another in the fifth, making the score 8-0. However, the Bobcats' chance at a shutout was negated when Francis Marion scored a single run in the sixth. Both teams traded runs for the last few innings, until GCSU finally closed the book on an 11-5 win.

"We did a good job of putting runs across," junior outfielder Kyle Allen said. "We put the ball in play and made them make mistakes."

Junior shortstop Chandler Snell had four hits, two runs and four RBIs.

When the Bobcats and the Patriots continued their series in the second game, both teams scored quickly. The Bobcats scored twice in the first inning, while the Patriots managed to score a single run, which made the score 2-1 in favor of the Bobcats.

From there, there were no runs scored until the fifth inning, where the Bobcats scored a single run, making the score 3-1. In the eighth inning, the Bobcats scored a single run again and the game finished 4-1. This put the Bobcats over Francis Marion 2-0 in the series.

Junior center fielder Sean Harrell had three hits and scored a run.

When the third game of the series began, the Patriots stepped up their efforts. The early run barrage continued, as Francis Marion scored three runs in the first inning, while the Bobcats scored one, making the score 3-1. In the second inning, the Patriots scored four runs for a 7-1 lead. GCSU scored a single run in the fifth inning, making the score 7-2.

Then in the eighth inning, Francis Marion scored two runs and the Bobcats scored one run, and the 9-3 score would hold. Even though Francis Marion won the third game, GCSU claimed the victory over the entire series 2-1.

Senior right fielder Derek Johns had one hit, one run and one RBI.

On April 7, GCSU faced Albany State University and shut out the Golden Rams 11-0.

For the first two innings, the Bobcats nor Albany State were able to score a single run. Then in the third inning, the Bobcats scored five runs, added three in the fourth inning and two in the fifth inning. In the seventh inning the Bobcats added their final run, giving GCSU the 11-0 victory.

Harrell had one hit, two runs and two RBIs.

"We had some clutch hitting and took advantage of their errors," Harrell said. "We got the job done and did what we needed to do."

Both junior designated hitter Buddy Elmore and junior third baseman Steve Muoio had one hit, one run and 3 RBIs.

The Bobcats are on the road to face Columbus State University in a three game series against the Cougars on April 10 and April 11.

"We need to work everyday on every area," Head Coach Tom Carty said. "We're heading into Columbus this weekend, so we definitely want to try and build off of this."

## THE SIDE LINE



BY PRESTON SELLERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

My fellow Bobcats, join me in supporting our "hometown" team this season. The Atlanta Braves deserve our attention and ticket income now more than ever. Here are five reasons why:

Money spent on starting pitching, namely Derek Lowe. What was the main complaint from fans the last few years? The starting rotation has clearly dropped talent-wise from the glory days of the 90s, perhaps the main reason the Braves are in a division title drought after winning 14 straight.

Francoeur and McCann. You know them, you love them, you watched McCann flourish and "Frenchy" falter last season. Well, McCann is only getting better, and is arguably the best young catcher in the game. Francoeur has completely changed his batting stance, opening up more and bringing the bat down on his shoulder more, for a quicker swing and the ability to wait a split-second longer to diagnose pitches.

Jordan Schafer. As of this column, he has two homers in his first three major league games, including a solo blast in his first ever at-bat. A lefty version of Francoeur when he started out, providing spark and power, and what appears to be a better decision process at the plate than Francoeur had. Not bad, kid. Keep it up.

Bobby Cox. Simply put, there has never been a better manager in baseball who has meant more to his team. Bobby is a legend not just in Atlanta but in all of baseball. He holds the record for most ejections in history, and his competitive fire often sparks a win after his departure from a game.

The race for the NL East. How's this for a division: The Mets, who added arguably the best closer in baseball to an already loaded team, the always-talented/unpredictable Marlins, the up-and-coming Nationals and oh-by-the-way the World Series champion Phillies, all competing with the Braves for at most two playoff spots.

This will be a fun year. Come along for the ride.

## Softball wins three, prepares for NGCSU

BY ELISE COLCORD  
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU softball team cleaned up on Saturday, April 4, with two convincing wins against St. Andrews Presbyterian College. The Bobcats spanked the Knights in both games, with final scores of 10-0 and 11-2. GCSU committed no errors in the doubleheader.

Coming off of two strong wins, the Bobcats turned to face the Columbus State University Cougars on Tuesday in a doubleheader.

Tuesday's game started with GCSU senior outfielder Sherquita Bostick's solo homer, the Bobcats' only run of the game.

Frustration set in when CSU made a comeback in the third inning on two Bobcat errors and a stolen base. With the score in CSU's favor 2-1 in the third inning, both teams revved up the intensity with several hits to the outfield but not many that brought the cleats hitting home plate.

The Cougars scored the last run in the fifth inning as second baseman Christie Thompson doubled and brought home left fielder April Jowers, leaving the final score at 3-1 for game one.

Senior designated player Chel-

sea Wilson blamed the lack of finishing for the game one loss.

"In the first game we came out hitting well, we just didn't have the turnover on runs, and they were doing what we weren't and that won them the game," Wilson said.

The Bobcats took the slim loss to heart and turned up the heat in the late afternoon game.

Wilson commented on the sentiments of the team after round one with the Cougars.

"By the second game we were just frustrated so we took and made opportunities to get the runs in. We all kind of just knew what we had to do without it being said out loud. We are second in the conference and by losing the first game we put ourselves in a more difficult position," Wilson said.

The Bobcats put the Cougars on their heels after their game one win. Bostick homered to center-field, scoring junior outfielder Allison Schwimer. Wilson made the lone score in the second inning on a Schwimer single.

As the third inning rolled around, things heated up for the Bobcats with several hits and three runs to up the ante. The Cougars could

## Tennis falls to Hawaii Pacific, men still lead PBC



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior Erick Siqueira volleys a shot against Hawaii Pacific on Friday. Read the full story on page 14.

### Upcoming Sports

#### Softball:

April 11 4 p.m., 6 p.m. North Georgia

#### Tennis (M):

April 13 2:30 p.m. Lander (Senior Day)

### Quote of the Week

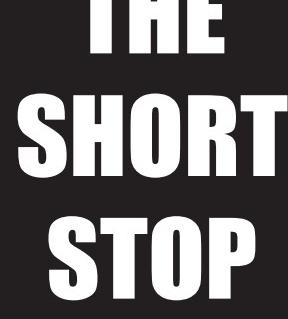
"When you play North Carolina, there's nothing you can do. (Ty) Lawson says it all. He does stir the drink."

- Michigan State basketball coach Tom Izzo, after his Spartans were beaten 89-72 by the Tar Heels in the national championship Monday night. (AP)

### Stat of the Week

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North Carolina's lead at halftime in the national championship, the largest ever. Also Michael Jordan's jersey number at UNC. Jordan was elected to the Hall of Fame this week.



## 'Cats ten-match win streak ends vs. Sea Warriors

BY SAM HUNT  
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU men's and women's tennis team played against Hawaii Pacific University and Savannah College of Art and Design in home matches this week.

At singles, senior Erick Siqueira was victorious 6-4, 6-4. Siqueira is now 9-4 for the entire season.

GCSU's second singles player, senior Justin Pickham, fought valiantly in his match but was defeated 7-6 in both sets.

In third singles, senior Francis Yoshimoto, who had won all 10 singles matches prior, was defeated 6-4, 6-1.

In men's doubles, the first team of Pickham and Siqueira won their match 8-4, making their doubles record for the season 12-1.

The second doubles team, made up of Yoshimoto and junior Joao Casagrande were defeated in their match 8-4.

For the third doubles team, junior Max Beliankou and freshman Leo Bernardes were unable to hold their own, as they were defeated 8-2.

"I wasn't sure what to expect. We weren't as sharp as we could have been," Head Coach Steve Barsby said. "There were so many rainouts that it caused us to be a little rusty."

The men recovered from their loss against Hawaii Pacific very quickly and defeated Savannah College of Art and Design 7-2.

Siqueira won his match 6-2, 6-4, pushing his record to 10-4.

In second singles, Pickham was able to win his match 2-6, 6-1, 6-2. Yoshimoto was defeated in his singles match.

In men's doubles, Siqueira and Pickham were victorious in their match 9-8, giving them a record of 13-1.

Yoshimoto and Casagrande also won their match 9-8.

The doubles team of Beliankou and Bernardes won their match 8-5.

GCSU is next on the road to face North Georgia College and State University on April 10.

"We are not at our peak right now," said Barsby. "But we are playing solid and battling injuries and are trying hard to get there."

The women were shutout 9-0 in their Hawaii Pacific match.

In their match against Savannah Col-

lege of Art and Design, the women played in a very close match but were defeated 5-4.

First, second and third ranked singles all won their matches. Senior Marjorie Ceppo, won her match 6-4, 6-3 at first singles. Second singles player, junior Diane Danna, was victorious in her match with a score of 7-6, 6-3. Lastly, No. 3 ranked singles player sophomore Bertille Lion defeated her opponent 6-1, 6-1.

The Bobcats fourth victory came from second doubles team of Lion and Danna winning their match 8-3.

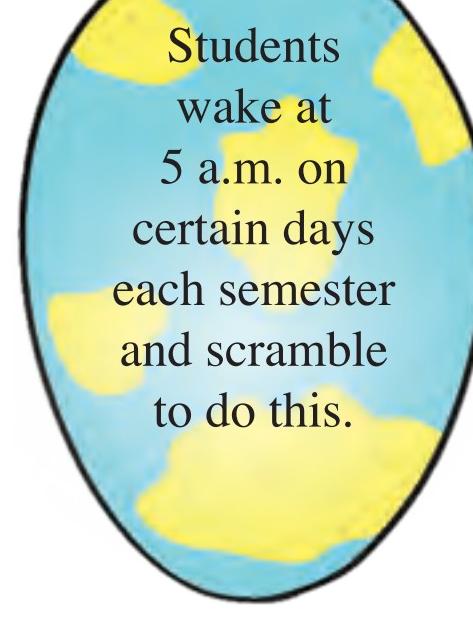
The women's tennis team faced Brenau University on April 6 and were defeated by the Golden Tigers 8-1.

The Bobcats' victory came from Lion, who played third singles and won 6-3, 6-3.

"The girls are working very hard," Barsby said. "Even though the results are not what we hoped, they are playing higher in the lineup than they are used to and are representing the school well."

The team faces Clark Atlanta University in a home game on April 9. Then they are on the road to face North Georgia College and State University on April 10.

"We have not had a lot of matches due to the rain lately," Barsby said. "But we will keep up with playing and drills so we can get in a good rhythm."



## Favero has Bobcats on track for stellar '09

BY PRESTON SELLERS  
SENIOR REPORTER

After the best season in GCSU soccer history, head coach Juan Favero and his players aren't interested in resting on their laurels and focusing on past accomplishments.

Soccer is a sport which relies heavily on its players being at a high fitness level, and the offseason is where hard work and dedication produce tangible results.

"We're focusing on player development and fitness," Favero said. "The girls are seeing results, getting quicker and stronger."

Morgan Cobb, an All-Peach Belt defender who will be a senior leader this fall, described a typical week for Bobcat soccer in the spring.

"Along with our team practices, we've got the 'rule of six' which has to do with the amount of time Coach is allowed to spend with the team," Cobb said. "So basically we work in small groups divided by position."

Cobb described her role as a rising senior in the offseason.

"If I work as hard as I can and come back in the fall and show that I am fit and ready," Cobb said, "then how great is that to be that example for the younger players to realize how important it is?"

Another key element of training is the ropes routine which has become popular among GCSU coaches.

"Ropes is Tuesday and Thursday, and it's killer," Cobb said. "But we work hard and kill it every time."

To keep the players in game mode, the Bobcats play several spring games spread throughout March and April.

"Basically the offseason is divided into two phases; the fitness element, with speed, agility, explosiveness and individual technical work, and the spring games," Favero said. "The games are where we work on new formations and see what works."

Cobb noted the team's approach to these exhibition matches.

"We actually are taking the games seriously," Cobb said. "Since losing the seniors and with players getting hurt, we are playing smarter."

Along with the outstanding returning group of players, Favero has added six



FILE PHOTO  
Head coach Juan Favero instructs his players during halftime of a game last season.

incoming freshmen to the talented roster. The class of '13 will have their work cut out for them as they push for playing time.

"The freshmen only have two weeks to show what they've got," Favero said. "Unless they come to our summer camps, we really won't know what we've got. They have to show up ready and prove themselves, because we hope to have them contribute."

Cobb trusts her coaches to make the right personnel decisions.

"We don't decide if they play or not," Cobb said. "The coaches clearly saw things and wanted them here bad enough so they have faith in them."

As a former incoming freshman, Cobb shared her views of the transition.

"Coming from high school to college is a whole new world," Cobb said. "But when you want (to play) bad enough as a freshman, you do it all to prove your talent."

The Bobcats host two summer camps, one each in June and July. The 2009 season, likely to be yet again the best in school history, begins about two weeks from the start of classes.

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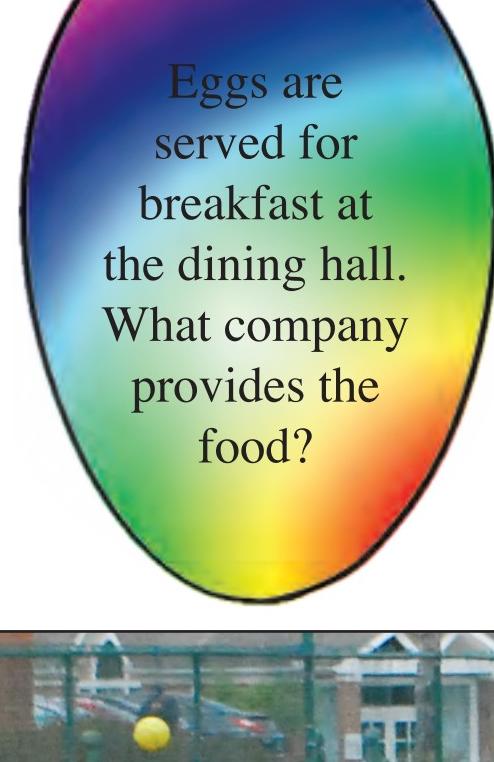
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against North Georgia on April 11.

"This is going to be a tough game for us. We are the first in two seeds in the conference. This would be the best year for us to sweep North Georgia because of our position," Wilson said. "I think if we play with consistency and stay solid, and Mandy throws her game, then I think we can win it."



ELISE COLDORD / STAFF REPORTER

Senior second baseman Lindsey Swanson slides under the tag of the Columbus State third baseman on Tuesday.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Friday, March 6 - Thursday, March 11**

## Friday, April 10

12:30 p.m. Earth's Body: Women Poets and Ecopoetry Presented by Ann Fisher-Wirth Arts & Sciences Auditorium

## Saturday, April 11

## Sunday, April 12

## Monday, April 13

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Resume Review Days  
232 Lanier Hall  
7:30 p.m. Faculty Artist Recital: Wendy Mullen, soprano, and Marcelina Turcanu, piano  
Max Noah Recital Hall

## Tuesday, April 14

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. College-to-Career Fair  
Cobb Galleria - Atlanta, Georgia

## Wednesday, April 15

12:30 p.m. Times Talk  
Beeson Hall, Lower Level  
12:30 p.m. The Road to the Office Series  
125 Kilpatrick Hall  
12:30- 1:45 p.m. GCSU Green Initiative Committee Meeting, 2-16 Arts & Sciences  
2 p.m. Bobcats Baseball v. West Georgia  
West Campus  
8 p.m. With the Bathwater by Christopher Durang  
Russell Auditorium

## Thursday, April 16

3:00 p.m. Career Talk on WGUR 88.9FM  
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## Book Sale

Friday, April 10 & Saturday, April 11, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will sponsor a used book sale at the Milledgeville Mall, from opening to closing of the mall (10am to 9 p.m.). Look for them near the center of the mall. Please stop by to peruse and purchase books. All proceeds will support the AAUW scholarship fund, which we use to provide scholarships for GCSU students. Also, if you have books you'd like to donate to the book sale, please bring them by the mall during the hours we are there. We will add them to the tables.

## Tea Party Taxes

On April 15, tax day, over 300 cities across the U.S. are protesting fiscal irresponsibility with 'Tea Parties.' Come learn about the economic consequences of our government's fiscal irresponsibility in the A&S Auditorium. The new grassroots 'Tea Party' movement, which was inspired by Rick Santelli's rant on

CNBC and the "Going Galt" movement, which was inspired by Ayn Rand's character John Galt in *Atlas Shrugged*, will explore the benefits and failures of the American fiscal party. Speakers Dr. Ben Scafidi, and Dr. Jerry Herbel will hold lecture followed by an open forum and discussion. We are encouraging participation regardless of your party affiliation! Bring a friend!

## Scheduled Power Outage

Due to the ongoing replacement of our underground electrical grid, there will be a short power interruption for Parks Hall Tuesday, April 14, beginning at 6 p.m. This outage will be approximately two hours in duration. In the next several weeks, there will be a need for isolated outages across main campus, some as much as 48 hours in duration. These extended scheduled outages will be done on weekends only, and we will be giving as much notice as possible.

## Day of Silence

The Day of Silence, a project of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, is a student-led day of action when concerned students, from middle school to college, take some form of a vow of silence to bring attention to the name-calling, bullying and harassment in effect, the silencing experienced by LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) students and their allies.

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# THE COLONNADE

## DUI

On April 4, at approximately 2 a.m., Officer J. Miller observed a vehicle on Wilkinson Street traveling at a high rate of speed. The vehicle stopped at a red light with the entire vehicle crossing the crosswalk. A traffic stop was initiated and contact made with the driver. While speaking to the driver, Officer Miller could detect the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person. When tested on the Intoxilyzer 5000, the driver registered .182. The subject was arrested and transported to Milledgeville PD and charged with DUI. The vehicle was secured and left at the scene of the stop.

## Public Drunk

On April 5, at approximately 2 a.m., Officer Williams issued a citation to a subject for public drunk at the intersection of Hancock and Wilkinson Streets.

## Improper Starting of Car

On April 5, at approximately 6 p.m., Officer Williams issued a warning to a subject for improper starting of a parked vehicle at the intersection of Greene and Clarke streets.



Information compiled by Stephanie Sorensen

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# Public Safety Report



## The Resistance

On April 2, at approximately 2 p.m., Milledgeville PD requested assistance in reference to an offender fighting and kicking the officers at Milledgeville PD. Officer Smith and Sgt. English removed the subject from the patrol vehicle and took him into the detention area. While placing the subject in the holding cell, he struck a MPD officer in the face. The subject was placed on the floor of the holding cell. No charges were taken by GCSU officers.

## Hydroplane

On April 2 at approximately 1:30 p.m., while returning from Macon from training, the vehicle that officers were riding in hydroplaned, spun around 360 degrees, crossed the roadway and came to a rest in a ditch at the side of the road. There were no injuries. Old Capitol Wrecker towed the vehicle back to Milledgeville.

## Mistaken Identity

On April 3, at approximately 2 a.m., a student flagged down Officer Williams in reference to a male tampering with bikes in the bike rack in front of Wells Hall. Contact was made with the male on Tattnall Street. The officers reviewed video footage and investigations found that the subject had given a false name. A warrant has been issued for giving a false name and date of birth and a trespass warning is pending.



This week the students' elected representatives were at work again funding an upstart event called "Earth Day". The program is designed to expose the campus and the community to the work of the environmental science club and many other "green" groups around campus.

While there was much debate within senate about how much support the program would get, in the end SGA has decided to fully fund the event and to sponsor it. Keep an eye out around campus for advertising for the event, and make time to at least stop by and check out the day's events. Ty-dye t-shirts and live bands are just a couple of the exciting stuff being offered by the planners of Earth Day.

Beyond that, the SGA President and newly elected Execs are getting their feet wet this week with SABC. SABC is the university committee that dolls out the univer-

sity budget every year. As representatives of the students, your SGA executive staff is on hand to provide input and to lobby for more dollars to be spent directly on the students. The process is a long and drawn out one that includes a number of multi-hour long meetings in which groups make funding requests and SABC reviews them.

Lastly, be on the look out at the end of the year for a senatorial debate and election that would amend the SGA constitution and provide solid guidelines for all future campus elections including Mr./Ms. GCSU as well as RSA and SGA elections. This is a major project that all of SGA will debate on in the coming weeks. As always, if any student has a concern or issue that they feel SGA can address, please send us an e-mail, or stop by the SGA office in the student activity center to express your concern in person.

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